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# (54) AMINOPROPYLIDENE DIBENZOXEPINE TRANQUILIZERS

(71) We, CHAS. PFIZER & CO., INC., a Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, United States of America, of 235 East 42nd Street, New York 17, State of New York, United States of America, do hereby declare the invention, for which we pray that a Patent may be granted to us, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement:—

This invention relates to various new and useful aminopropylidene dibenzoxepine compounds. More particularly, it is concerned with certain novel 2 - substituted - 11 - aminopropylidene - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]-oxepines and their acid additions salts, which have been found to be useful in therapy as

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In accordance with the present invention, there is now provided for the first time a novel class of aminopropylidene base compounds which are tricyclic in nature and which do possess the aforementioned ring-substituent group requirements on the aromatic ring with subsequently favorable results as to their therapeutic effects. More specifically, these compounds are all members selected from the group consisting of aminopropylidene bases of the formula:

and the pharmaceutically-acceptable acid addition salts thereof, wherein Y is sulfur, sulfinyl or sulfonyl; and Z is lower alkylamino, di-(lower alkyl)amino, pyrrolidino, piperidino, homopiperidino, morpholino, thiamorpholino, piperazino, N - (lower alkyl)piperazino or N-(lower hydroxyalkyl)piperazino, wherein said lower alkyl moieties each contain up to four carbon atoms. These compounds are all potent CNS depressants and hence, of value as tranquilizing agents for use in the treatment of mental anxiety and nervous tension.

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azinyl)propylidene] - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz-[b,e]oxepine, including both their cis and trans-isomers, as well as their non-toxic pharmaceutically-acceptable acid addition salts, such as the hydrohalides and the like. Of especial interest in this connection are the cisisomers of these compounds in view of their significantly high degree of pharmacological activity. This is especially true in the case of the cis-isomers of 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl-11 - (3 - N,N - dimethylaminopropylidene)-6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine hydrochloride and 2 - trifluoromethylthio - 11 - (3-N - monomethylaminopropylidene) - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine hydrochloride, which have both been found to be highly potent CNS depressants with a long duration of action.

The process employed for preparing the novel compounds of this invention involves treating the appropriate 2 - CF<sub>3</sub>Y \_ substituted - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e] - oxepine-11 - one with a phosphorane compound of the formula (R)<sub>3</sub>P=CHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Z, where R is alkyl containing up to six carbon atoms, phenyl, aminophenyl or benzyl, and Z is as hereinbefore defined. This particular reaction step is normally carried out in a reaction-inert polar organic solvent medium, preferably employing a slight excess of the phosphorane compound, e.g., about a 20% molar excess, at a temperature ranging from between about 15°C. and about 100°C. for a period of about one-half to about twenty hours. Preferred reaction-inert polar organic solvents for use in this connection include such open chain or cyclic ethers as diethyl ether, di-isopropyl ether, tetrahydrofuran and dioxane, as well as such polar organic solvents as the N,N - di-(lower alkyl)alkanoamides like dimethylformamide, diethylformamide and dimethylacetamide, and the lower dialkyl sulfoxides and sulfones such as dimethyl sulfoxide, diethyl sulfoxide and di - n - propyl sulfone. Upon completion of this Wittig-type reaction, the desired aminopropylidene base compound is either isolated from the reaction mixture as such or else converted to an acid addition salt thereof and the latter compound is then subsequently recovered from the mixture by means well-known to those skilled in the art. The acid addition salt can then be further purified and used as such, if it is pharmaceuticallyacceptable, or it may be converted back to the free organic base compound or to another pharmaceutically-acceptable acid addition salt, if so desired.

The substituted - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz-[b,e]oxepine - 11 - ones used as starting materials in this reaction are prepared by the conventional methods of organic chemistry. For instance, 2 - trifluoromethylthio - 6,11dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine - 11 - one is prepared from the corresponding 2 - methylthio compound (B. M. Bloom et al., Belgian Patent 65 No. 614,498, dated June 18, 1964) by first

chlorinating the side chain of the latter in the presence of ultraviolet light to form the 2 - trichloromethylthio derivative thereof, followed by a subsequent heat treatment step with antimony trifluoride at high temperatures to give the desired fluoro analog. The 2 - trifluoromethylsulfinyl and 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl-6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine - 11 - ones are then, respectively, each prepared from the aforementioned 2 - trifluoromethylthio compound by means of selective oxidative procedures well-known to those skilled in the art.

The phosphorane starting materials, on the other hand, are generated into the reaction mixture in situ from the corresponding phosphonium salt compounds in accordance with the method of J. R. Tretter, as described in Belgium Patent No. 654,283, dated April 12, 1965. This method generally involves the use of at least two moles of a strong base such as n - butyl lithium to convert the phosphonium halide hydrohalide salt to the desired "ylide" or phosphorane compound. Since the latter product tends to be somewhat rather unstable on standing, it is usually preferred, in practice, to use it immediately in the next reaction step without any prior isolation from solution by merely adding the required tricyclic ketone (i.e., 2 - substituted - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz-[b,e]oxepine - 11 - one) thereto. The ultimate starting materials required for this reaction, viz., the above referred to phosphonium salts, are also known and described as such in the aforementioned patent to Tretter.

The acids which are used to prepare the 100 pharmaceutically-acceptable acid solution salts of this invention are those which form nontoxic acid addition salts containing pharmaceutically acceptable anions, such as the hydrochloride and maleate, when reacted with the 105 aforementioned aminopropylidene base compounds. Preferred acids for use in this connection include hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, hydriodic acid, nitric acid, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, acetic acid, lactic 110 acid, citric acid, tartaric acid, oxalic acid, gluconic acid, saccharic acid, benzoic acid, succinic acid, maleic acid, methane-sulfonic acid, ethanesulfonic acid, bezenesulfonic acid, p - toluene - sulfonic acid, picric acid, 115 amsnonic acid (4,4' - diaminostilbene - 2,2' disulfonic acid) and pamoic acid (1,1' methylene - bis - 2 - hydroxy - 3 - naphthoic acid).

As previously indicated, the 2 - substituted- 120 11 - aminopropylidene - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz-[b,e]oxepine compounds of this invention are valuable as tranquilizing agents, particularly in view of their potent CNS depressant action. Hence, they are useful in the treatment of 125 mental anxiety, nervous tension and certain related excited states as well, with the cisisomers being especially useful in this connection in view of their highly potent CNS depressant action and lack of significant side 130

effects. For instance, the cis-isomer of 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl - 11 - (3 - N,N - dimethylaminopropylidene) - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine hydrochloride, a typical and preferred agent of the present invention, has been found to cause significantly potent CNS depressant effects in both hyperactive (amphetamine-induced) rats and dogs when administered by the oral route of administration, without causing any untoward side effects, such as impaired mental alertness, to occur even when so administered to them for a period of several days. Further, these herein described compounds can be administered as tranquiliz-15 ing agents by either the oral or parenteral routes of administration. In general, they are ordinarily administered in dosages ranging from about 0.3 mg. to about 3.0 mg. per kg. of body weight per day, although variations will necessarily occur depending upon the weight and condition of the subject being treated and the particular route of administration chosen.

In connection with the use of the 2 - substituted - 11 - aminopropylidene - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine compounds of this invention for the treatment of agitated subjects, it is to be noted that these compounds may be administered either alone or in combination with pharmaceutically acceptable carriers by either of the two routes previously indicated, and that such administration can be carried out in both single and multiple dosages. More particularly, the novel compounds of this 35 invention can be administered in wide variety of different dosage forms, i.e., they may be combined with various pharmaceutically acceptable inert carriers in the form of tablets, capsules, lozenges, troches, hard candies, powders, sprays, aqueous suspension, injectable solutions, elixirs, syrups, and the like. Such carriers include solid diluents or fillers, sterile aqueous media and various non-toxic organic solvents. Moreover, such oral pharmaceutical formulations can be suitably sweetened and/or flavored by means of various agents of the type commonly employed for just such purposes. In general, the therapeutically useful compounds of this invention are present in such dosage forms at concentration levels ranging from about 0.5% to about 90% by weight of the total composition, i.e., in amounts which are sufficient to provide the desired unit dosage previously indicated.

For purpose of oral administration, tablets containing various excipients such as sodium citrate, calcium carbonate and dicalcium phosphate may be employed along with various disintegrants such as starch and preferably potato or tapioca starch, alginic acid, and certain complex silicates, together with binding agents such as polyvinylpyrrolidone, sucrose, gelatin and acacia. Additionally, lubricating agents such as magnesium stearate, sodium lauryl sulfate and talc are often very

useful for tabletting Solid purposes. compositions of a similar type may also be employed as fillers in soft and hard-filled gelatin capsules; preferred materials in this connection would also include lactose or milk sugar as well as high molecular weight polyethylene glycols. When aqueous suspension and/or elixirs are desired for oral administration, the essential active ingredient therein may be combined with various sweetening or flavoring agents, coloring matter or dyes and, if so desired, with emulsifying and/or suspending agents as well, together with such diluents as water, ethanol, propylene glycol, glycerin and various like combinations thereof. For purposes of parenteral administration, solutions of these particular 2 - substituted-11 - aminopropylidene - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz-[b,e] oxepines in seasame or peanut oil or in aqueous-propylene glycol or N,N - dimethylformamide may be employed, as well as sterile aqueous solutions of the corresponding watersoluble, non-toxic mineral and organic acid addition salts previously enumerated. Such aqueous solutions should be suitably buffered if necessary and the liquid diluent first rendered isotonic with sufficient saline or glucose. These particular aqueous solutions are especially suitable for intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous and intraperitoneal injection purposes. In this connection, the sterile aqueous media employed are readily obtainable by standard techniques well-known to those skilled in the art.

This invention is still further illustrated by 100 the following examples, which are not to be construed in any way or manner as imposing limitations upon the scope thereof. Examples I or III describe the preparation of intomediate compounds.

#### EXAMPLE I

Ten grams (10 g.) of 2 - Methylthio - 6,11dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine - 11 - one (prepared as described in Belgian Patent No. 641,498 for the corresponding 3 - methylthio 110 isomer) dissolved in 80 ml. of dry chloroform was treated with chlorine gas, while cooled in an ice-bath and illustrated by means of a sunlamp, until no further hydrogen chloride gas evolved from the resulting reaction mixture. The excess chlorine gas was then removed from the mixture by bubbling dry nitrogen gas through the solution, and the organic solvent was thereafter removed by means of evaporation in vacuo to afford a residual material that was subsequently allowed to crystallize from n-hexane solution to give 14 g. of 2 - trichloromethylthio - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine - 11 - one, m.p. 98-99°C.

Ten grams (10 g.) of the above trichloro 125 compound and 7.5 g. of sublimed antimony trifluoride were then ground together via a mortar and pestle, and the resulting mixture next heated in an oil bath at 240°C, while

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under a nitrogen atmosphere. After five minutes of heating under these conditions, the flask was removed from the oil bath and the cooled residue was triturated with chloroform. The combined chlorofrom extracts were then washed with water and subsequently evaporated to dryness while under reduced pressure to afford 11 g, of crude residual material that gave 2.3 g. of 2 - trifluoromethylthio - 6,11dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine - 11 - one, m.p. 75-77°C., when chromatographed over an alumina column with benzene. Recrystallization of this material from methanol-water raised the final melting point to 79-82°C Anal. Calcd. for  $\tilde{C}_{13}H_{\nu}F_3O_2S$ : C, 58.05; H, 2.93; S, 10.33 Found: C, 58.46; H, 3.07; S, 10.84.

### Example II

A solution of 64.8 g. of p - trifluoromethylthiophenol in 640 ml, of xylene containing 21.9 g. of potassium hydroxide was refluxed for 1.5 hours while under a nitrogen atmosphere, during which time 10 ml. of water collected and the potassium salt of the resulting phenol precipitated from solution. Dry phthalide was then added to the system in one-44.5 g. portion, and the resulting mixture was thereafter refluxed for 21 hours. Upon cooling, 300 ml. of 10% aqueous potassium hydroxide were added and the spent reaction mixture was subsequently cooled in an icebath. The potassium salt which soon precipitated from solution was then collected by means of suction filtration and converted to the corresponding organic acid by means of suspension in 500 ml. of water, followed by acidification with 1N hydrochloric acid. The final precipitate which formed was then collected and washed with water to give 47.8 g. of product, viz., 2-(p - trifluoromethylthiophenoxymethyl)benzoic acid, m.p. 160—162°C.

Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>1.3</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: C, 54.87;

H, 3.38; S, 9.76.

Found: C, 54.64; H, 3.50; S, 9.39.

To a suspension of 153 g. of phosphorous pentoxide in 1300 ml. of benzene, there were added 47.8 g. of the above prepared acid (m.p. 160-162°C.), and the resulting mixture was thereafter stirred at reflux for a period of three hours while under a nitrogen atmosphere. At this point, the benzene was removed from the mixture by means of decanting and the residue was subsequently washed with 200 ml. portions of fresh benzene solvent. The combined benzene extracts were then next washed with water, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and filtered. Evaporation of the dried filtrate, while under reduced pressure, then gave a residual oil which was subsequently triturated with n - hexane to afford 21 g. of 2 - trifluoromethylthio - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine - 11 - one in the form of a crystalline precipitate, melting at 83-84°C.

#### EXAMPLE III

A solution consisting of 1.12 g. of 2 - trifluoromethylthio \_ 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine - 11 - one and 1.24 g. of m - chloroperbenzoic acid dissolved in 15 ml. of chloroform was refluxed for 1.5 hours. Upon cooling, a precipitate of m - chlorobenzoic acid soon formed and this material was subsequently isolated from the reaction mixture by means of suction filtration. The resulting filtrate was then evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure and the residue was chromatographed over silica gel to give two different polar fractions. The less polar fraction was 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e,]-oxepine - 11 - one, m.p. 89—90°C. after crystallization from methanol-water. The more polar fraction, which followed later, proved to be 2 - trifluoromethylsulfinyl \_ 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine - 11 - one, m.p. 104-106°C. after crystallization from methanolwater.

#### Example IV

A suspension of 3.09 g. (0.00605 mole) of anhydrous N,N - dimethylaminopropyltriphenylphosphonium bromide hydrobromide in 15 ml. of dry tetrahydrofuran was treated with two molecular equivalents of 1.64 M n-butyl lithium in n-hexane, while under a dry nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring the mixture for fifteen minutes at room temperature (v25°C.), 1.5 g. of 2 - trifluoromethylthio - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine - 11 - one were added and stirring was continued for an additional 1.5 hours thereafterwards. At the end of this time, 5 ml. of water were added to the spent reaction mixture and the organic solvents were subsequently removed therefrom by means of evaporation under reduced pressure. The residue was then distributed between benzene and dilute hydrochloric acid, and the benzene extracts were subsequently collected and thereafter partially evaporated to dryness and digested with n-hexane to afford the cisisomer of 2 - trifluoromethylthio - 11 - (3-N,N - dimethylaminopropylidene) - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine hydrochloride in the form of a crystalline precipitate, m.p. 168-169°C.

Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{20}F_{3}NOS.HCl_{1/2}H_{2}O$ :

C, 56.50; H, 5.22. Found: C, 56.36; H, 5.16. Crystallization of the residue obtained from the above mother liquor (of the cis-isomer), from ethyl acetate-hexane, then gave the corresponding trans-isomer of 2 - trifluoromethylthio - 11 - (N,N - dimethylaminopropylidene)dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine hydrochloride, m.p. 218—220°C.

Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NOS.HCl.<sub>1/2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O:

C, 56.50; H, 5.22.

Found: C, 56.54; H, 5.16. Subsequent conversion of each of the above hydrochlorides to the corresponding free or-

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ganic base compound, in each case via treatment with 5N NaOH, then affords the pure 2 - trifluoromethylthio - 11 - (3 - N,N - dimethylaminopropylidene) - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine isomer.

#### EXAMPLE V

A suspension of 2.02 g. (0.00395 moles) of anhydrous N,N - dimethylaminopropyltriphenylphosphonium bromide in 10 ml. of dry tetrahydrofuran was treated with two molecular equivalents of 1.64 M n-butyl lithium in n-hexane, while under a dry nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring the mixture for fifteen minutes at room temperature (v25°C.), 1.08 g. of 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine - 11 - one were added and stirring was continued for an additional two hours. At the end of this time, 5 ml. of water were added to the spent reaction mixture and the organic solvents were subsequently removed therefrom by means of evaporation under reduced pressure. The residue was then distributed between benzene and dilute hydrochloric acid, and the acid extracts were thereafter combined, basified and extracted with fresh portions of benzene. The oily-residue obtained upon evaporation of the latter extracts to near dryness amounted to a cis/trans mixture of the desired final product, viz., 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl - 11 - (3 - N,N - dimethylaminopropylidene) - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine, which was subsequently converted to the hydrochloride salt and recrystallized from ethanol-diethyl ether to give the pure cis-isomer of 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl-11 - (N,N - dimethylaminopropylidene) - 6,11dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine hydrochloride, m.p. 219.5—220.5°C.

Anal. Calcd. for C2.1H20F3N2O3S.HCl: C, 53.63; H, 4.73.

Found: C, 53.38; H, 4.83.

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Crystallization of the residue from the cisisomer mother liquor obtained above, from ethyl acetate/n-hexane, then gave the corres-45 ponding trans-isomer of 2 - trifluoromethyl-sulfonyl - 11 - (N,N - dimethylaminopropylidene) - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine hydrochloride, m.p. 190—192°C.

Subsequent conversion of each of the above hydrochlorides to the corresponding free base compound, as in the preceding Example, then affords the pure 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl-11 - (3 - N,N - dimethylaminopropylidene)-6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine isomer as 55

### EXAMPLE VI

A suspension of 3.91 g. (0.0079 mole) of anhydrous N - monomethylaminopropyltriphenylphosphonium bromide hydrobromide in 15 ml. of dry tetrahydrofuran was treated with two molecular equivalents of a n-hexane solution of n-butyl lithium while under a dry nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring the result-

ing mixture for fifteen minutes at room temperature (v25°C.), 2.0 g. of 2 - trifluoro methylthio - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine - 11 - one were added thereto and stirring was continued for an additional 16 hours. At the end of this time, 5 ml. of water were added to the spent reaction mixture and the organic solvents were subsequently removed therefrom by means of evaporation under reduced pressure. The residue was then partitioned between benzene and dilute hydrochloric acid, and the removed benzene layer was thereafter partially evaporated to dryness and digested with n-hexane, followed by subsequent treatment with ethanol - diethyl ether to give the cis-isomer of 2 - trifluoromethylthio - 11 - (3 - N - monomethylaminopropylidene) - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine hydrochloride, m.p. 190-191.5°C

Anal. Calcd. for C10H18F3NOS.HC1: C, 56.78; H, 4.76.

Found: C, 57.00; H, 4.79.

The corresponding trans-isomer of 2 - trifluoromethylthio - 11 - (3 - N - monomethylaminopropylidene) - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz-[b,e]oxepine hydrochloride was then isolated from cis-isomer mother liquor obtained above and crystallized from ethyl acetate to form an analytically pure sample, m.p. 236—237°C. Ana. Calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>1</sub>,F<sub>2</sub>NOS.HCl: C,

56.78; H, 4.76.

Found: C, 46.50; H, 4.79.

Subsequent conversion of each of the above hydrochlorides to the free base compound in each case (via 5N NaOH) then affords the corresponding 2 - trifluoromethylthio - 11-(3 - N - monomethylaminopropylidene) - 6,11dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine base isomer in pure form as such.

#### EXAMPLE VII

A suspension of 11.0 g. of anhydrous N - monomethylaminopropyltriphenylphosphonium bromide hydrobromide in 45 ml. of dry tetrahydrofuran was treated with two molecular equivalents of n-butyl lithium in nhexane, while under a dry nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring the resulting mixture for fifteen 110 minutes at room temperature (v25°C.), the ylide solution was cooled to 0°C, and 6.1 g. of 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl \_ 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine - 11 - one added with continued stirring at this point for an additional two hours. Stirring was then maintained for an additional two hours thereafterwards, while heating the system at reflux temperatures. At the end of this time, 25 ml. of water were added to the cooled reaction mixture and the 120 organic solvents present were subsequently removed therefrom by means of evaporation under reduced pressure. The residue was then distributed between benzene and dilute hydrochloric acid, and the collected benzene 125 extracts were thereafter washed

dilute aqueous sodium hydroxide solution and water, followed by a careful treatment with N sulfuric acid in a dropwise manner accompanied by vigorous stirring. In this manner, there was soon obtained a crystalline precipitate of the desired cis-isomer of 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl - 11 - (3 - N - monomethylaminopropylidene) - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz-[b,e]oxepine hydrogen sulfate, m.p. 236.5—

Anal. Calcd. for C1, H18F3NO, S.1/2/H2O: C, 50.20; H, 4.40; N, 3.08; S, 10.58.

Found: C, 50.28; H, 4.47; N, 3.03; S,

15 Subsequent conversion of the above hydrogen sulfate salt to the corresponding free base compound as in the preceding Example, then affords the pure base isomer as such, viz., cis-2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl - 11 - (3 - Nmonomethylaminopropylidene) - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine.

#### EXAMPLE VIII

A suspension of 28.0 g. (0.051 mole) of anhydrous N - piperazinopropyltriphenylphosphonium bromide hydrobromide in 140 ml. of dry tetrahydrofuran was treated with 70 ml. of 1.63 M n-butyl lithium in n-hexane, while under a dry nitrogen atmosphere. The rate of addition of the organo-metallic reagent to the organic suspension was such that the temperature of the mixture remained just below the reflux point. After stirring the resulting mixture for fifteen minutes, the ylide solution was placed in a syringe and added therefrom into a solution consisting of 14.0 g. (0.041 mole) of 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine - 11 - one dissolved in 70 ml. of tetrahydrofuran that had already been stirred at reflux. After the addition was complete (this required about 10-20 minutes), refluxing was continued for a further two hours and the reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature (v25°C.). At the end of this time, 50 ml. of water were added to the mixture and the organic solvents present in the system were subsequently evaporated therefrom while in vacuo. The residue was then treated with 200 ml. of benzene, followed by N hydrochloric acid solution until the pH of the resulting aqueous phase was in the range of pH 1-3. The benzene layer was then removed and washed with four-25 ml. portions of N hydrochloric acid, and the combined acid extracts were thereafter adjusted to pH 11 with 10% aqueous sodium hydroxide and re-extracted with four-50 ml. portions of fresh benzene. The latter benzene extracts were then washed

with water, dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate and filtered. Upon subsequent evaporation of the resulting filtrate, there was obtained a 55% yield of crude organic base material as the residue.

The above crude base compound, which is - trifluoromethylsulfonyl - 11 - (3 - Npiperazinopropylidene) - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz-[b,e] oxepine, was then dissolved in ethanol (10 g./50 ml.) and treated with a small amount of activated charcoal, while being warmed. After removal of the carbon particles by means of filtration, solid maleic acid was added to the resulting alcoholic solution in small portions, with stirring, until the pH became pH 2-3, followed by the addition of seed crystals of the product. Stirring was then continued at room temperature until crystallization was complete and the mixture thereafter cooled in an ice-bath before filtration was carried out. After collecting the solid crystalline particles on a filter funnel in this manner, and thereafter washing same with small fresh portions of ethanol and ether, there was obtained a pure crystalline material which after one recrystallization from ethanol gave the pure cisisomer of 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl - 11-(3 - N \_ piperazinopropylidene) - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine dimaleate, 170-171°C.

Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{22}H_{22}F_3N_2O_3S.2C_4H_4O_4$ :

C, 52.62; H, 4.56. Found: C, 52.79; H, 4.78. Subsequent conversion of each of the above maleate salts to the corresponding free base compound, in each case via 5N NaOH, then affords the pure 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl-11 - (3 - N - piperazinopropylidene) - 6,11dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine isomer as such (the picrate of the cis-isomer melted at 234-236°C.).

## EXAMPLE IX

The procedure described in the preceding Examples is employed here to prepare the following aminopropylidene base compounds starting from the appropriate 2 - substituted-6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine - 11 - one and 3 - aminopropytriphenylphosphonium 105 bromide hydrobromide reagent in each case:

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 Y	Z	Y	z
s	—NHC₂H5	SO <sub>2</sub>	-N(n-C4H9)2
so	—HNCH <sub>s</sub>	S	-N (CH2)4
SO <sub>2</sub>	-NHC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	so	$-N\left(i-C_3H_7\right)_2$
S	-NHC <sub>3</sub> H <sub>1</sub> (i)	SO <sub>2</sub>	-N (CH2)4
so	—NHC₂H₃	S	-N (CH2)5
SO <sub>2</sub>	-NHC <sub>3</sub> H <sub>1</sub> (i)	so	$-N(n-C_4H_9)_2$
s	—NHC₄H₀(n)	SO <sub>2</sub>	-N (CH2)5
so	—NHC₃H₁(i)	S	-N (CH2)6
SO <sub>2</sub>	—NHC₁H₂(n)	SO .	-N (CH2)4
S	-N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	$SO_2$	-N (CH2)6
so	NHC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>9</sub> (n)	. <b>s</b>	$-N(CH_2)_2O(CH_2)_2$
SO <sub>2</sub>	$-N(C_2H_5)_2$	so	-N (CH2)5

	Y	Z	Y	Z
,	s	N(iC <sub>3</sub> H <sub>1</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	$-\hat{N}(CH_2)_2O(C\hat{H}_2)_2$
	so	-N(CH <sub>3</sub> ):	S	-N(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> S(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>
	SO <sub>2</sub>	$-N(i-C_4H_7)_2$	so	-N (CH2)6
	S	$-N(n-C_4H_9)_2$	SO <sub>2</sub>	-N(CH2)25 (CH2)2
	so	-N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>.;</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	s	-Ń(CH <sub>2</sub> )2NH (CH2)2
	so	$-\dot{N}(CH_{2})_{2}O(C\dot{H}_{2})_{2}$	SO <sub>2</sub>	-N(CH2)2NH(CH2)2
	S	- N(CH2)2N(CH3)(CH2)2	so	-N(CH2)2S(CH2)2
	SO <sub>2</sub>	- N(CH2)2N(CH3)(CH2)2	S	-N(CH2)2N(C2H3)(CH2)2
	so	-N (CH2)2 NH (CH2)2	SO <sub>2</sub>	- Ń(CH2)2N(C2H5)(CH2)2
	s	$-\dot{N}(CH_2)_2N(i-C_3H_7)(C\dot{H}_2)_2$	so	- N(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> N(CH <sub>3</sub> )(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>
	SO <sub>2</sub>	-Ń(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> N(i-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> )(CĤ <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	S	$-\hat{N}(CH_2)_2N(n-C_4H_9)(CH_2)_2$
	so	-N(CH2)2N(n-C4H9)(CH2)2	SO <sub>2</sub>	$-N(CH_2)_2N(n-C_4H_9)(CH_2)_2$

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### EXAMPLE X

A solution consisting of 3.5 g. of 2 - tri-fluoromethylsulfonyl - 11 - (3 - N - piper-azinopropylidene) - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz-[b,e]oxepine (as free base compound) dissolved in 31 ml. of 97% formic acid and containing 35 ml. of 37% aqueous formaldehyde was warmed gently by heating on a steam bath for 1.5 hours. At the end of this time, 100 ml. of water were added and the resulting mixture was treated with 10% aqueous sodium hydroxide solution until the pH became pH 10—11. Extractions of the thus obtained

aqueous solution with diethyl ether, followed by evaporation of the latter solvent from the ethereal extracts then afforded the desired product, i.e., 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl - 11-[3 - (4 - methyl - 1 - piperazinyl) - propylidene] - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e] oxepine, in the form of its crude base. The hydrochloride salt was subsequently prepared therefrom using an ethanol-diethyl ether medium to give the pure cis-isomer of 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl-11 - [3 - (4 - methyl - 1 - piperazinyl)-propylidene] - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]-oxepine hydrochloride, m.p. 234—235°C.

Anal. Cald. for  $C_{27}H_{28}F_3N_2O_3S.2HCl._{1/2}H_2O$ : C, 50.18; H, 5.10; N, 5.11; F, 10.37. Found: C, 49.80; H, 5.36; N, 5.01; F, 10.36.

Subsequent conversion of the above hydrochloride to the corresponding free compound via 5N NaOH then affords the pure isomer as such, viz., cis - 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl-11 - [3 - (4 - methyl - 1 - piperazinyl)propylidene] - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz [b,e] oxepine.

### EXAMPLE XI

The procedure described in the previous Example is repeated using 2 - trifluoromethylthio - 11 - (3 - N - piperazinopropylidene)-6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine as starting material in place of the corresponding 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl compound. In this particular case, the final product obtained is 2-trifluoromethylthio - 11 - [3 - (4 - methyl - 1-piperazinyl)propylidene] - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e] - oxepine. In like manner, 2 - trifluoromethylsulfinyl - 11 - (3 - N - piperazinopropylidene) - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]-oxepine and 37% aqueous formaldehyde in 97% formic acid react to afford 2 - trifluoromethylsulfinyl - 11 - [3 - (4 - methyl - 1-piperazinyl) - propylidene] - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]-

dibenz[b,e] oxepine as the final product which is obtained.

#### Example XII

A solution consisting of 3.0 g, of 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl - 11 - (3 - N - piperazinopropylidene) - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine (as the free base compound) dissolved in 75 ml. of dry methanol was treated with 750 mg, of ethylene oxide gas and the resulting mixture refluxed gently for two hours. At the end of this time, the solvent was removed by means of evaporation under reduced pressure and the residual material, i.e., the crude base consisting of 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl-11 -  $[3 - (4 - \beta - hydroxyethyl - 1 - piper$ azinyl)propylidene] - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz-[b,e] - oxepine, was thereafter converted to the hydrochloride salt to afford the pure cisisomer of 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl - 11 - [3- $(4 - \beta - hydroxyethyl - 1 - piperazinyl)$ propylidene] - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e] oxepine hydrochloride, m.p. 234-235°C. after one recrystallization from isopropanol diethyl ether.

Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{23}H_{27}F_3N_2O_4S.2.HCl$ : C,50.62; H, 5.13; Cl, 12.45. Found: C, 50.64; H, 5.55; Cl, 12.54.

Subsequent conversion of the above hydrochloride to the corresponding free base compound as in Example X, then affords pure cis - 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl - 11[3 - (4-\beta - hydroxyethyl - 1 - piperazinyl)propylidene] - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e] - oxepine isomer as the product which is obtained.

#### EXAMPLE XIII

The procedure described in the preceding Example is repeated here except that 1,2-propylene oxide is the reagent employed instead of ethylene oxide and 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl - 11 - [3 - (4 - \beta\)hydroxypropyl - 1-piperazinyl)propylidene] - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine is the corresponding product obtained. In like manner, 2 - trifluoromethyl-

sulfonyl - 11 - (3 - N - piperazinopropylidene) - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e] oxepine and 1,2 - butylene oxide react to afford 2 - trifluoromethylsulfonyl - 11 - [3 - (4 -  $\beta$ -hydroxybutyl - 1 - piperazinyl)propylidene] - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e] oxepine, while 2,3-butylene oxide in the same reaction gives 2-trifluoromethylsulfonyl - 11 - (3 - [4 - ( $\alpha$ -methyl -  $\beta$ hydroxypropyl) - 1 - piperazinyl] - propylidene - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e] oxepine.

When 2 - trifluoromethylthio - 11 - (3 - N-piperazinopropylidene) - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz-[b,e]oxepine and 2 - trifluoromethylsulfinyl-11 - (3 - N - piperazinopropylidene) - 6,11-dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine are each respectively employed as starting materials in this

series of oxyalkylation reactions, the following compounds are the final products actually obtained:

2 - trifluoromethylsulfinyl - 11 - [3 - (4-6 - hydroxyethyl - 1 - piperazinyl)propylidene] - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine.

2 - trifluoromethylthio - 11 - [3 - (4 - β-hydroxypropyl - 1 - piperazinyl)propylidene]-6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine

2 - trifluoromethylsulfinyl - 11 - [3 - (4 B - hydroxypropyl - piperazinyl)propylidene]-

15 6,11 - dihydrodibenz [b,e] oxepine

2 - trifluoromethylthio - 11 - [3 - (4 - \beta-hydroxybutyl - 1 - piperazinyl)propylidene]-6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine

2 - triffuoromethylsulfinyl - 11 - [3 - (4-10 β - hydroxybutyl - 1 - piperazinyl)propylidene] - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine

2 - trifluoromethylthio =  $11 - \{3 - [4 - (\alpha - \alpha)] - \beta - hydroxypropyl\} - 1 - piperazinyl]propylidene - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz-$ 

[b,e] oxepine 2 - trifluoromethylsulfinyl -  $\{3 - [4 - (\alpha - methyl - B - hydroxypropyl) - 1 - piperazinyl] propylidene \} - 6,11 - dihydrodibenz-$ 

[b,e]oxepine
30 EXAMPLE XIV

The hydrochloric acid addition salts of the novel aminopropylidene base compounds of this invention are prepared by dissolving the free organic base compound in an aqueous 35 acetone solution containing an equivalent amount in moles of N hydrochloric acid. Upon careful evaporation of the resultant solution to dryness while under reduced pressure, there is obtained the desired hydrohalide acid addition salt in the form of a crystalline residue. In this manner, 2 - trifluoromethylsulfinyl - 11-(3 - N,N - dimethylaminopropylidene) - 6,11dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine and hydrochloric acid react to afford 2 - trifluoromethylsulfinyl-45 11 - (3 - N,N - dimethylaminopropylidene)-6,11 - dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine hydro-

chloride.

In like manner, other acid addition salts of the aminopropylidene base compounds reported previously in the preceding Examples are prepared here by using the said organic base compounds as starting materials in every instance and hydrochloric, hydrobromic, hydriodic, nitric, sulfuric, phosphoric, acetic, lactic, maleic, citric, tartaric, oxalic, gluconic,

saccharic, benzoic, succinic, methanesulfonic, ethanesulfonic, benzenesulfonic, p - toluenesulfonic, amsonic, pamoic and picric acids, as the respective reagents in each and every case.

WHAT WE CLAIM IS:—

1. Aminopropylidene bases of the formula:

and the pharmaceutically-acceptable acid addition salts thereof, wherein Y is sulfur, sulfinyl or sulfonyl; and Z is lower alkylamino, di-(lower alkylamino, pyrrolidino, piperidino, homopiperidino, morpholino, thiamorpholino, piperazino, N - (lower alkyl)piperazino or N-(lower hydroxyalkyl)piperazino, wherein said lower alkyl moieties contain up to four carbon

2. A compound as claimed in Claim 1 wherein Y is sulfonyl and Z is dimethylamino.

3. A compound as claimed in Claim 1 wherein Y is sulfonyl and Z is N - methylpiperazino.

4. A compound as claimed in Claim 1 wherein Y is sulfonyl and Z is N - (β3-hydroxyethyl)piperazino.

5. A compound as claimed in Claim 1 wherein Y is sulfinyl and Z is dimethylamino.

6. A compound as claimed in Claim 1 wherein Y is sulfonyl and Z is monomethylamino.

7. A compound as claimed in Claim 1 8 wherein Y is sulfonyl and Z is piperazino.

Wherein Y is sulfur and Z is monomethyl-

amino.

9. A compound as claimed in Claim 1 90 wherein Y is sulfinyl and Z is N - methylpiperazino.

10. The cis-isomer of the compound as claimed in Claim 2.

11. The cis-isomer of the compound as 9 claimed in Claim 4.

12. The cis-isomer of the compound as claimed in Claim 8.

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